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Application No. 09/773,581  
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**- REMARKS/ARGUMENTS -**

Claims 1, 3 to 8, and 10 to 13 remain in the application.

The claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 121 as being directed to three different inventions. Claims 15, and 16 to 18 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3 to 8, and 10 to 13 are herein elected for prosecution on the merits.

In view of the number of Office Actions and Amendments generated in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this applicant can be concluded in an efficient manner, in order to save the Applicant any additional expense.


Respectfully submitted,

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